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**New England Beyond Black and White.
Center for New England Culture, June 11-13, 2009**



The Center for New England Culture is soliciting papers for its 4th Annual Black New England Conference. The theme for this year's conference is "New England Beyond Black and White." Moving beyond dichotomous formulations of race, the conference will explore the complex interactions, connections, conflicts, resistance efforts, and experiences of Black, white, Indigenous, and multi-racial citizens across the region and centuries.

Writings and presentations should investigate the complexity of racial delineations, stereotypes, and figurations within a New England context. Submissions are encouraged on well-known figures and events, as well as those lesser known. Individuals interested in submitting proposals should give particular thought to how people of color, past and present, articulate and live out marginalized identities in the midst of a white-dominated and supposedly "free" region of the United States. The conference invites papers on the interactions of Black and Indigenous communities, the presence of mixed race individuals and communities, "passing," and the more recent experiences of African and Caribbean immigrants.

The Black New England Conference is a 2-day conference to share work and insights on the Black experience past and present in New England. Each conference has featured a distinguished keynote address (James Campbell, James O. Horton, and Patricia Smith) and presentations by independent scholars, community researchers, writers, artists, and activists (see <http://www.neculture.org/ne-identities.html>). The Conference is both an academic conference and a celebration of Black life and history in New England. The deadline for submissions is March 6th 2009. For general information visit: <http://neculture.org> or call the Center for New England Culture at: (603) 862-0353. For special inquiries please contact: David Watters, David.Watters@unh.edu or Jerrienne Boggis, Jerrienne.Boggis@unh.edu, (603) 862-0693.